



Gov. John Bel Edwards named Dr. Chuck Carr Brown secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality on Jan. 11. Brown's appointment is a homecoming. He previously worked at DEQ from 2004 to 2008, serving as assistant secretary for environmental services.

As secretary, Brown is responsible for facilitating the Department's Mission of providing service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection and promoting and protecting health, safety and welfare. This mission will be accomplished by considering sound policies regarding employment and economic development with a vision of being a respected steward of the state's environment.

Brown oversees a department responsible for ensuring that the citizens of Louisiana have a clean and healthy environment to live and work in now and for future generations. DEQ will regulate pollution sources and provide permitting activities consistent with laws and regulations. DEQ will provide interface between the department, businesses and stakeholders by conducting inspections of permitted facilities and activities, responding to environmental emergencies, issuing sound enforcement actions and supplying the resources to focus on the issues with the highest potential for environmental impact. All of these responsibilities have local, national and international implications.

With his appointment to DEQ Secretary, Brown leaves his position as president and CEO of Brown and Associates, LLC, a firm specializing in the delivery of environmental services, governmental relations, and issue management. He also leaves his position as vice president of the Metro Service Group, a New Orleans-based firm that consults in waste collection, vertical and horizontal construction and emergency response. Additionally, he is leaving his position as president and COO of Community Resource Services, a firm based in Hattiesburg, Miss., that develops capacity and capabilities of local minority owned businesses with the goal of enhancing their long term viability. Brown subscribes to the philosophy he developed called EEAT, (Environmental Education, Access to decision makers and Trust in the decisions that are made).

Brown possesses a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a Master of Public Administration from Southern University A&M College and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Policy/Environmental Policy from the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs at Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge. He is married to the former Cheryl Auzenne of Opelousas and has a daughter, Kayla, and a son, Nicholas.



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